

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT application of

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Application No. 10/573,155	)	Group Art Unit: 2895
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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE ( <b>as amended</b> )		

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 after June 30, 2003.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form and return it to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.

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